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SUBJ: DANZIG GOLD, DANZIG BONDS

BRUSSELS FOR TGC COMMISSIONER CROWLEY

REFS: BRUSSELS 3591, STATE 124986

1. DEPT REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES JULY 3 AND FURNISHED THEM WITH COPIES OF DRAFT NOTE SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 9 OF STATE 124986. DEPT REPRESENTATIVES EXPLAINED BACKGROUND OF MATTER AND MADE THESE POINTS: (1) NOTE FOLLOWS GENERAL FORMAT OF EARLIER (2) NOTE BELIEVED FACTUALLY MORE PRECISE RE AWARD AND ORIGIN DANZIG GOLD THAN ORIGINAL BRITISH DRAFT; (3) NOTE STATES REASONS WHICH WE THINK ADEQUATE FOR TGC TO PROCEED
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ON AMENDMENT, BUT OMITTED ANY REFERENCE TO TWO RECENT TREATIES OF FRG WITH POLES AND USSR SO AS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE PREJUDICE OF ALLIED POSITION REGARDING NON-RECOGNITION OF POLISH DE JURE SOVEREIGNTY EAST OF ODER NEISSE LINE. IN REPLY TO BRITISH QUESTION, WE POINTED OUT WE HAD USED PHRASE "EXERCISING AUTHORITY" IN NOTE RATHER THAN "ADMINISTERING" SO AS TO AVOID LANGUAGE WHICH MIGHT AFFRONT POLISH SENSITIVITIES.

2. WE REQUESTED BRITISH AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES TO SEEK VIEWS OF THEIR FOREIGN OFFICES ON DRAFT NOTE. WE INDICATED WE HAD OBTAINED FAVORABLE REACTION FROM US TGC COMMISSIONER TO PROPOSED NOTE.

3. WE EXPLAINED WE DID NOT INTEND MAKE ANY FORMAL CONNECTION BETWEEN AMENDMENT OF DECISION AND DANZIG BOND ISSUE, BUT WE WOULD BE COORDINATING TIMING OF TWO MATTERS. AT THIS POINT BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THEY HAD NOT AS YET RECEIVED ANY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THEIR EARLIER REQUEST TO POLES THAT POLES BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE BRITISH ORGANIZATIONS RESPECTING DANZIG STERLING BONDS. WE INDICATED WE ALSO HAD NOT AS YET HAD AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON OUR SUGGESTIONS ALONG SAME LINES WITH POLISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES RE DANZIG DOLLAR BONDS BUT THIS COULD PROBABLY BE EXPLAINED ON BASIS OF THEIR PREOCCUPATION WITH PROBLEMS INVOLVING ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF HANDLING OTHER POLISH BONDS.

FYI: AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI HAS HINTED THAT POLES WOULD BE PREPARED TO MOVE ON DANZIG DOLLAR BONDS IF THEY WERE ASSURED THERE WOULD BE A FAVORABLE DECISION ON DANZIG GOLD. WE OF COURSE CANNOT GIVE THIS ASSURANCE BUT WE HAVE INDICATED WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO DELIVERING GOLD TO POLAND. AT APPROPRIATE TIME WE ALSO WOULD BE PREPARED TO STATE TO POLES THEY COULD MAKE ANY SETTLEMENT ON DANZIG BONDS CONTINGENT ON FAVORABLE DECISION ON DANZIG GOLD. END FYI.

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